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Port Almanac—January 7.

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High Water at Wilmington	12.41 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 7.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 33°; 8 p. m., 36°; maximum, 45°; minimum, 33°; mean, 38°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .01.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 4—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 5.0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair; northerly to easterly winds; slightly warmer in the interior Thursday evening.

OUTLINES.

The convent at Roberval, Quebec, was destroyed by fire and the Mother Superior and seven of the nuns were smothered in the smoke. —— A militia company was ordered to Woodville, Texas to prevent the lynching of a negro who is charged with the assassination of a white man. —— Duncan McIntyre, at Laurinburg, and Mary Green, at Warrenton, have been nominated for postmaste s by the President. —— The Governor's message was read in both houses of the New York L gislature. —— Nineteen convicts were pardoned by Gov. Altgeld, of Illinois, yesterday. —— A shortage of $5,840 has been discovered in the accounts of W. W. Degge, postmaster of Norfolk Va. —— L. C. Combs, of Perry county, Ky., fired upon a mob which attempted to lynch him, killing one and badly wounding another; the dead man proved to be his nephew. ——The residence of Rev. M. L. Jones, near Pickens, S. C., was destroyed by fire and his son and daughter perished in the flames. —— The Nebraska BimetallicConference met at Lincoln yesterday and was addressed by Mr. Bryan; he reviewed the campaign from the Chicago Convention to the close of the polls and predicted a victory for silver in 1900. —— A collision between a steamer and tugboat in Chesapeake bay resulted in the sinking of the tug and the drowning of the engineer and a boy. —— Several United States war vessels have been ordered to Florida to prevent filibustering. ——A memorial window to the Armenian martyrs was unveiled in Hawarden church by Gladstone. —— Near Tampa, Fla., an obstruction placed on the track caused the wreck of a train by which the engineer and fireman were hurt. —— The United States Comptroller reports improvement in the cash reserves of Southern banks and their ability to meet every demand by depositors. ——Over three hundred thousand people have fled from Bombay to escape the bubonic plague. —— Report of the New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton was quiet—middling 7⅛c; Southern flour quiet and steady—common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot active for export and lower—free on board 97⅝c, ungraded red 78@97c; corn—spot quiet and easier, No. 2 29¼@29½c at elevator and 30½c afloat; rosin quiet and steady — strained common to good $1 72½; spirits turpentine firm at 27½ 28@c.

If it should be that General Maceo is really alive we shall learn what a daisy liar Dr. Zertucha really is.

There are fifty two penitentiaries and 17,000 jails in the United States, and yet there are a good many people at large who might find proper accommodations in them.

A beet sugar plant has been established at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, with a capacity of 200 barrels a day. The South can beat the West in growing beets, and ought to beat it in making beet sugar.

Senator Wolcott's trip to England to feel the bimetallic pulse suggests that it might not be a bad idea for some of our solons to take a trip to Japan and learn something about the business of statesmanship.

The St. Louis courts got the dead sure thing on that colored citizen, Wm. Robinson, when he was sentenced to 99 years in prison for killing his sweetheart and to 3 years for stealing a horse.

Judge Angel, of Idaho, wants to go to the United States Senate. We do not know what the Judge's chances are, but the general impression is that an Angel would be very much out of place in that venerable roost.

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As illustrating how the Cuba racket affects our business, the Philadelphia *Times* calls attention to the fact that the importations of Cuban sugar into that city which amounted to over $20,000,000 two years ago, have fallen to $2,000,000. They are raising Cain instead of cane over there now, and we are the losers by the Cain festivities.

Even many educated Americans do not speak English well enough to meet the approbation of Larry Godkin, who brought his English with him from England. And yet we dare say that Larry could not successfully declaim without a severe effort "the eagle flew over the house."

If that colored citizen of Boston, who was elected a member of the Governor's Council, holds his grip he is in a fair way of making his Jack. It is said that the Republicans have already offered him $20,000 to resign. They began with $5,000 and have raised it to $20,000.

It is said that the high price of wheat is causing a large increase of acreage in California, which will probably be the case in other wheat-growing States, which will mean a big crop, if nothing happens, and low prices next year, unless there be big crop failures in other countries.

We had doubts about the truth of that story that it was the excess of coal carried by the Commodore which caused her to spring a leak and go to the bottom. It is now said she was scuttled by a traitor and the pumps were so tampered with as to be useless.

Spain is said to deplore Gen. Weyler's inactivity. Gen. Weyler didn't show much inactivity the other day in getting away from that band of insurgents which was in hot pursuit of him and came very near getting him. But perhaps Spain hadn't heard of that.

A contemporary solicitously asks if the human race is going to freeze up when the coal is all consumed. Well, as we have coal enough in this country, already discovered, to last us a thousand years, we are not going to worry over that question at present.

Mark Hanna is said to prefer the Senate to a place in McKinley's Cabinet, and so does John Sherman, and as Mr. Sherman has a grip on the Senatorship it is probable that Mr. Hanna will have to be content with a roost in the Cabinet.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE—Sousa's Band.
MERCER & EVANS—Cut prices.
OPERA HOUSE—The Private Secretary

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

LOST—Newfoundland dog.

LOCAL DOTS

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— There was a large supply of wood on the market yesterday, and the price was lower than usual.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 8 30 o'clock this afternoon at McRae Hall.

— The re-election of Pritchard, the champion political trimmer, to the United States Senate seems now almost as certain as "death and taxes." It is the result of a shameless abandonment of principle, and a resort to the most corrupt methods known to modern politics.

Central Baptist Church.

The married women of the Central Baptist Church will give an interesting and rich entertainment in the church to-night. Rev. S. N. Vass, A. M., secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, will preach. Also, a number of other prominent persons will speak. There will be music by some of the best talent of the city. A cordial welcome will be given to all.

Maxton Items.

From Harker's Maxton letter to the *Robesonian*:

Only fifty-eight bales of cotton came into market last week. Total receipts to January 2nd, 7,578 bales. Value, $375,000.

Messrs. R. D. Croom and J. I. Fowlkes now have the drug business of Dr. J. D. Croom, under the firm name of Croom & Fowlkes.

Mr. A. J. Cottingham moves to-day, Monday, his merchandising business to the iron store recently bought from W. S. McNair. Messrs. McLean & Sellars moved to the store adjoining Croom & Fowlkes' drug store.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. R. E. Carrington, of Sanford, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. H. Northrop left yesterday for Hayti on a business trip.

— Mr. John W. Cotton, Jr., of Tarboro, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. Frank Sessoms, of Ivanhoe, made the STAR a pleasant call last evening.

— Mr. John Jenritte, treasurer of Brunswick county, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Mr. W. S. Prior, a prominent business man of Fayetteville, arrived over the C. F. & Y. V. yesterday.

— Mr. R. L. Vernon, of Charlotte, travelling passenger agent of the Southern Railway, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. George O. Gaylord, of the firm of Braddy & Gaylord, returned yesterday from a week's visit with relatives and friends near Washington, N. C.

— Among yesterday's arrivals were Mr. E. A. Palmer, Cheraw, S. C.; Mr. I. M. Johnson and wife, Marion, S. C.; Mr. M. K. King, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. C. H. Nachman, Scranton, S. C.; Mr. J. P. Legare, Charleston, S. C.

I. O. O. F. Officers Installed.

At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67 held last evening officers were installed by District Deputy Grand Master L. L. Boone, assisted by Past Grands G. W. Branch, P. T. Dixey and F. B. Rice, as follows:

P. G.—C. C. Parker.
W. G—Jno. E. Gordon.
V. G—William Simpson.
R. S.—S. A. Craig.
F. S.—Jno. E. Silva.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Warden—J. P. Cate.
Conductor.—Geo. H. Howell.
R. S. to N. G.—G. W. Branch.
L. S. to N. G.—A. H. Harriss.
R. S. S.—Geo. Smith.
L. S. S.—J. T. Hawkins.
R. S. to V. G.—F. B Rice.
L. S. to V. G.—Jno. W. Mintz.
I G—P. T. Dixey.
O. G.—C. W. Stewart.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—64 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 50 bbls rosin, 91 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—27 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 143 bbls rosin, 93 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—50 bales cotton, 31 casks spirits turpentine, 159 bbls rosin, 37 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—26 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 160 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—1 bale cotton, 112 casks spirits turpentine, 397 bbls rosin, 40 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—3 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 98 bbls rosin, 63 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Culbreth's raft—833 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 170 bales; spirits turpentine, 183 casks; rosin, 1,889 bbls; tar, 261 bbls; crude turpentine, 17 bbls.

W. N. & N. Officials Move Into Their New Office Building.

The general office of the Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railway Company has been up to this time over the electric power house, corner of Water and Orange streets. But yesterday the officials of that company moved into the office on Nutt street recently vacated by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, the first story of which is already in use as ticket office and freight room. Mr. T. C. McIlhenny, agent, and Mr. J. C. Paddison, clerk, have the direction of affairs on the first floor. Up stairs are the offices of Mr. H. A. Whiting, General Manager; Mr. J. W. Marteola, Auditor and Traffic Manager, and his assistant, Mr. T. T. Darden; Mr. J. F. Wishart, Rate Clerk, and Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., Cashier and Purchasing Agent.

HEPTASOPHS.

Presentation of a Testimonial to Mr. Jewell, D. S. A. of Oriental Conclave.

Mr K. W. Jewell, of this city, has been presented with a handsome combination gold pen and pencil-holder by the Oriental Conclave No. 1, of Heptasophs, or Seven Wise Men, to which order Mr. Jewell belongs, being the D. S. A. of the Conclave. The above order is now in a flourishing condition, several new members having been added lately.

Last Sunday night a special sermon was delivered to the Conclave at Brooklyn Baptist Church by Rev. J. W. Kramer, who is prelate of the order. About forty-five members were in attendance.

Fire at the City Hospital.

Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock a small oil lamp exploded in the operating room of the City Hospital and the burning kerosene was at once scattered over the floor. No one was in the room at the time of the explosion, but fortunately one of the nurses of the hospital noticed the smoke coming from the room and gave an alarm in time to prevent what might have been a disastrous fire. An old colored man named Lewis succeeded in suppressing the flames, which had only damaged the paintwork of the room with smoke.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

OPERA HOUSE.

Two Attractions This Week—Sousa's Band To-night and the Private Secretary To-morrow and Saturday.

Two standard attractions are offered by the management of the Opera House for the rest of the week.

To-night Sousa, the march king and his peerless band come. The band, now on another triumphal tour of 21 000 miles, numbers fifty people. Its leader is the renowned John Philip Sousa, for fourteen years the bandmaster of the United States Marine Band at Washington, distinguished alike for his ability as a leader and his masterful work as a composer. His marches, notably the "King Cotton," "El Capitan," "Washington Post," the "Directorate," and "Liberty Bell," the "Manhattan Beach" and numberless others, are played by bands and on pianos and hand organs, and whistled on the streets more extensively than any compositions of the time.

The advance sale of seats opened at Gerken's Tuesday.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

The popular comedian Edwin Travers and a company of clever players will open an engagement at the Opera House to morrow evening, for two nights and a special Saturday afternoon matinee, in Wm. Gillette's greatest comedy work "The Private Secretary." This play has been before the public many seasons, yet it is daily gaining new laurels in the artistic field and is replenishing the coffers of its owners. The situations, and the complications which lead up to them, besides the libretto, are extremely ludicrous. Mr. Travers plays the part of the scapegrace nephew, and he is ably supported by Frank Cotton, as the fiery East Indian uncle, and Mr. Harry Dull in the title role. The musical numbers introduced this season in the play as a feature are appropriate and will satisfy the most critical.

The advance sale of seats will commence this morning at Gerken's.

OAKDALE CEMETERY.

The New Lodge Completed and Formally Received from the Contractors by the Board of Directors.

Oakdale is given up to be one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the whole country. And now it is graced by a lodge which for tastefulness of design and skill of execution is equalled by few buildings of the kind. The old lodge, it will be remembered, was burned last February. The new one was formally received at 12 o'clock yesterday by the directors of the Cemetery Company, to the secretary and treasurer of which, Mr. R. J. Jones, and to Mr. James F. Post, Sr., designer and architect, the STAR is indebted for its information. The cost of the building was $5 000; the contractors, Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro.

The lodge is located on the left of the entrance to the cemetery. It has a granite base, but the remainder of the building is of North Carolina brown stone, the trimmings being of buff stone. At the north end is a tower 14x14, and 40 feet high, the first story of which is to be the superintendent's office, the second floor being intended for use as a belfry. There is a toilet room at the north end also, 8x8 in dimensions. The main room is 34 by 24, and has a bay-window opening to the south, which can be used, when occasion requires, as a chancel. The entrance has a projection of 7x12 with tiled floor. The building has a slate roof and is plastered with prepared plastering cement. All the rooms are wainscoted and the ceilings are of wood. The architecture is cosmopolitan and cannot give offence to any taste.

The Police Board.

The Police Board met yesterday at the City Hall and elected Thos. Rivers, Sr., colored, cattle-weigher, in the place of Mr. Thos. A. Watson, resigned. Mr. Watson succeeded Mr. S. H. Terry as Superintendent of the County Home. He was elected by the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, but has really had charge of the home since the first of the month, Mr. Terry having resigned at that time.

In conversation with a STAR representative yesterday afternoon, Mr. Watson said that he intended to do everything in his power for the comfort and care of those entrusted to his charge, and that he would always welcome and take pleasure in showing around a committee from the Associated Charities, or any one interested in charity.

There are now twenty-one inmates of the home and four at the house of correction. Of the twenty-one, four are white males, two white females, nine colored males, and six colored females. Mr. Watson expects this week to add several new names to his house of correction list, as the Criminal Court is now in session.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Last night, on the Sixth Sleep, Cold Moon, G. S. D., of Eyota Tribe No. 5 Improved Order of Red Men, Deputy Great Incohonee J. J. Hopkins, assisted by Great Prophet G. W. Carter, Great Senior Sagamore Jno. W. Walton and Great Junior Sagamore J. R. Davis, installed the following elective officers:

Sachem—J. S. Sneeden.
Senior Sagamore—Geo. Sloan.
Junior Sagamore—R. D. Tucker.
C. of R.—J. M. McGowan.
K. of W.—E. P. Wooten.
Trustees—Marsden Bellamy, Walker Taylor and Jas. Calder.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the installation of the appointive officers was postponed until the next meeting night.

Four pale faces were captured in the forest and adopted into the tribe, after which the newly-adopted members were invited to a most tempting feast in rear of the Sachem's stump. A large number of braves from Cherokee Tribe No. 9 were in attendance.

— A love feast will be held this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock at Grace M. E. church.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

BOTH HOUSES CONVENED AND ORGANIZED.

Eldridge of Cabarrus Elected Speaker of the House—Governor Carr Notified—The Senatorial Situation—Senator Pritchard's Chances for Re-election Not So Bright—Butler Making a Determined Fight Against His Colleague But Does Not Want a Populist Elected.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.

This morning Senator McCaskey, who is chairman of the committee appointed by the Populist caucus to make reply to the Democratic proposition for fusion on Senator, said that the committee had formulated no reply.

This morning it was developed that at the Republican caucus last night all the members of the Legislature present would not bind themselves to support Senator Pritchard. When a motion was put to endorse the action of the State convention in nominating Senator Pritchard for re-election to the Senate, Mr. Claude Dockery, member from Richmond, arose and stated that he begged to be excused from voting on the resolution, because under certain conditions he could not abide by it. It is understood that two other members failed to stand when a rising vote was taken endorsing Senator Pritchard.

The Populist caucus was continued this morning. The Senate nominated legislative officers and adjourned early. The following were the selections; Principal Clerk Hill E King; Second Assistant Clerk, A. H. Paddison; Engrossing Clerk J. A. Buchanan; Second Assistant Engrossing Clerk, W. B Lyon, and Second Assistant Doorkeeper, D. J. McCarthy.

The following committee was also appointed to name the chairman of the various Senate Committees which the Populist are entitled to: J. W. Atwater, J. B. Alexander, E. F. Wakefield, T. E. McCoskey and G. E. Butler.

The Capitol Club, the leading social organization in this city, has tendered Governor elect Russell and Mrs. Russell a reception on the evening of January 13th, the day of the inauguration. Judge Russell has accepted the invitation and he and Mrs. Russell and friends will be present.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

At noon, S. P. Satterfield, principal clerk of the last House, called the body to order. Rev. Branson prayed. The roll was called and members came forward in fives and were sworn by Judge Montgomery.

Mr. Hileman, of Cabarrus county, received 83 votes for Speaker; J. S. Cuningham, of Person, who was voted for by the Democrats, 28; and Dr. Dixon one vote.

E. O. Master was elected principal clerk; F. B. Benbow reading clerk, D. T. House doorkeeper; A. R. Middleton assistant doorkeeper; D. F. Scarborough engrossing clerk.

Lieut. Gov. Doughton called the Senate to order and Senators were administered the oath.

Both branches passed a joint resolution notifying the Governor of their organization and that they were ready for business.

The situation changed this evening, and Pritchard's chances of re-election are not so bright. This is brought about by a statement from Senator Butler which will appear in the *Caucasian* to-morrow. Senator Butler says the statement that the list of sixteen Populists who it is claimed will bolt the Populist caucus and support Pritchard, supposed to have been given for publication by Congressman Skinner, is incorrect. He says several members have assured the *Caucasian* that the charge is false. Butler repudiates it and says those who in end to bolt ought to have the courage to get out of the party and not sit further in the caucus. In the brief time we have had to interview them, we are unable to give the exact statements of those who make denial, but fourteen of the sixteen state that they did not authorize any statement. Most of this number were emphatic that they would abide by the action of the Populist caucus. The two who would make no denial are Senator Hardison, of Craven, and Senator Barker, of Lincoln.

Butler says it is generally understood that Skinner is using efforts to get members to bolt. He says all true Populists will condemn his course. The Populist caucus passed a resolution that every member should abide by the caucus action.

When a motion was put at the Republican caucus last night to endorse Senator Pritchard for re-election by a rising vote, Dockery, ex-Congressman Brower and another Republican didn't stand. Dockery explained to the caucus that under certain conditions he could not observe the motion.

Republicans say that Butler's statement that fourteen of sixteen Populists pledged to Pritchard will not bolt the Populist caucus is not true. Congressman Skinner denies it most positively. He says several more Populists have declared for Pritchard. Ewart says Pritchard's chances are brighter to-night than heretofore.

R. O. Livingstone, of Goldsboro, received the nomination for enrolling clerk to-night, defeating Brown in the Populist caucus.

The Senatorial matter was discussed at the Populist caucus by Butler and Skinner. Butler's speech was conciliatory. He is for harmony; never referred to Pritchard. Skinner was less conciliatory, and spoke strongly for Pritchard. No personalities were indulged in; there was no test vote.

Senator McCaskey says as matters stand, he believes the Pritchard men control the Populist caucus. The Democrats' proposition for fusion on Senator will be answered to morrow. McCaskey says the answer will be in spirit friendly and fraternally.

The Populist caucus again to-morrow night. Senator McCaskey says they will support Pritchard in caucus and will not bolt. Those Populist who will bolt the caucus for certain are Hardison, of the Eighth, and Barker, of the twenty-ninth district. Brown of Jones, Harriss of Hyde, Bobbitt of Pamlico, Parker of Perquimans, will arise to personal privileges to morrow.

The Democratic caucus appointed a legislative steering committee composed of nine members, with Senator Parker, of Alamance, chairman, and decided to have permanent headquarters here.

Butler declared in his speech in caucus that he did not favor a Democrat for Senator. Said that it would not do to support a Populist. Comment to-night is that with two Populist Senators Butler realizes he could not be elected four years hence. His policy is said to be to elect a free silver Republican, either Mott or Dockery.

[By Southern Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.—The Democratic legislative caucus adopted unanimously the following resolution, which was placed in the hands of the Populist caucus:

"Confiding in the People's party professions favoring free silver, we invite co operation with the Populist members of the Legislature in the election of an advocate of free silver, an opponent of trusts and combines and an advocate of an income tax, to the United States Senate. If the People's party accepts this proposition we pledge ourselves to abide by and perform the agreement entered into."

Three Republicans declined to take part in their caucus endorsement of Senator Pritchard.

The Democrats are in caucus to-night, and so are the Populists. Senator Butler is with the latter.

Skinner made a speech at the Populist caucus last night urging that Pritchard be supported but the Populist State chairman says Skinner's remarks fell perfectly flat.

There are strong intimations that Butler will present W. A Guthrie for Senator. The Democrats will certainly support him. Skinner insists that Pritchard is a winner. Pritchard is reticent.

Senator Butler published a statement to-day saying he did not write the editorial in his paper calling Tom Watson a variegated fool, but that when he replies to Watson's letter it will be over his own signature.

The Legislature met to day and elected officers, all Republicans and Populists. Governor Carr's message will go in to morrow.

Senator Butler to night made the following statement: "Report having been circulated to the effect that the policy I have advocated with reference to the election of a Senator, whose record on the finance question is unassailable, will necessitate Democrat support to secure his election, or that I am in any way encouraging, seeking or countenancing support of Democrats to accomplish that result, is absolutely false and without a show of foundation in fact."

It is announced by the Pritchard Populists that the Senatorial matter will not be settled before the 15th instant. They also declare to night that the Pritchard men have a majority in the Populist caucus.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Wm. McQueen and Louis Nixon Sentenced to Three Months in the House of Correction.

The Court met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mary J. Howard, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty, but judgment was suspended on payment of costs; the County Commissioners being authorized to hire out the woman for the amount of costs if not paid.

Thomas Lucas, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty, but judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Jno. F. Sutton, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Wm. McQueen, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the county house of correction.

Wm. Townsend and Alice Pearsall, affray. Verdict, not guilty.

Florence Smith, appeal. Case continued for defendant until the March term of court.

Louis Nixon and Amos Smith, affray. Verdict not guilty as to defendant Smith but guilty as to defendant Nixon. Nixon sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the county house of correction. Smith is the man Nixon stabbed on Christmas day.

At 5 15 o'clock the court took a recess until 10 a. m. to-day.

Country Merchants in the City.

Yesterday was a good day for wholesale trade. Many out of town business men were on the streets, among them being L. Vollers, Point Caswell; R. B Hall, Hallsboro; E. J. Britt, Hub; O. F. Justice, Snead's Ferry; J. E. Royal, Clinton; Capt. J. L. Autrey, Autreyville; L. L Mallard, Wallace; T. C. Barnhill, Galivant's Ferry, S. C., and G. C. Butler, Farmer, S. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Dissolution.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C., Jan. 4th, 1897.

The partnership heretofore existing and doing business under the firm name of R. J. Hester & Co. is this day dissolved. Mr. G. F. Melvin will continue the business, collect all bills and settle the partnership debts.

jan 6 2t* R. J. HESTER & CO.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS HIS SERVICES to the public as accountant, copyist or in revising manuscripts on literary or scientific subjects on reasonable terms for such work.

dec 30 tf JAS. G. BURR, No. 419 Mulberry street.

OPERA HOUSE.
THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7.
ONE GRAND CONCERT.

SOUSA
and his UNRIVALLED BAND.
20,000 mile tour, ocean to ocean.
Elizabeth North on, Soprano.
Martina Johnstone, Violinist.
Frans Hall, Pianoforte.
Prices—All reserved seats $1.00. Admission 75 cts.
jan 5 3t sn 12 th

Collector's Notice.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED COLLECTOR of the estate of C. H. Capps, deceased, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the said C. H Capps to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom the said Capps was indebted at the time of his death will present their claims to me before the 30th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. THOS. J. GORE, Collector.

dec 30 1m

L. H. Peterson and Harry McLean,

THE EXPERT BARBERS, CAN BE FOUND at No. 11 South Front street, where they will be pleased to serve their friends. First class work guaranteed. Shaving 10 cents. Give us a call.

Respectfully,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 7, 1897

HERE IS AN OBJECT LESSON.

Among the corporations that in the last campaign figured most actively and conspicuously in opposition to the election of Wm. J. Bryan were the railroads, which, with few exceptions, worked for his defeat. This was not on account of any objection to the candidate but on account of the platform which declared for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and his unequivocal endorsement of that platform. As debtor corporations, which most of them are and always will be under the present gold standard system, they believed that the adoption of the free silver policy would be highly detrimental if not ruinous to them, and hence for self-preservation, as they believed, they opposed that policy and the election of the candidates who represented it.

During the campaign we believed as we believe now, that their fears were groundless, that they were based on mistaken reasoning and that the triumph of free silver instead of proving a detriment to the railroads of the country and precipitating ruin upon them, it would have brought them out of their embarrassments and proved an inestimable boon.

We find the following in the Baltimore *Sun*, a Democratic paper which bitterly opposed the election of Mr. Bryan, on account of what it considered the free silver heresy, and reproduce it because it presents an object lesson which every railroad man or other person interested in railroads, (and we all should be) might ponder upon and study with profit. It is brief, but filled with sledgehammer suggetiveness:

"The past year was a bad one for railroads, since 5 441 miles went into the hands of receivers involving $173,064 000 of bonds, and $102 538 000 of stocks The B and O, with 2 094 miles, and the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago, with 501 miles, were the principal sufferers. The present era of receiverships began, says the *Railway Age* in 1893, when 10,503 miles of road were involved. In 1894 the mileage was 29 340 miles, in 1894 it was 7,025 miles, in 1895 it was 4 039 miles. To find like figures we have to go back to 1885 when 8 386 miles went into receivers' hands and 1884, when the mileage was 11,038 miles. In the intermediate years the average was little over 2,000 miles. The five years beginning with 1892 broke the record. Foreclosures in 1896 affected 1,873 miles and $1,150 877,000 of stocks and bonds. Since 1876 the sales under foreclosure have aggregated 89 487 miles, with $5 440,289 000 of stocks and bonds. Farmers, it seems, have not been the only sufferers in the two decades. The "bloated bondholder" and Wall street have had their losses also. The plain truth is that when one large interest is affected all other interests sympathize with it in a practical way."

What a record of disaster is this! There are now about 183,000 miles of railway in the United States, and within the past twenty years nearly one-half of this has been sold under foreclosure of mortgage and the men who put their money in them and built them lost it, and the mortgage holders got the roads if they wanted them. These roads sold represented over $5,000,000,000 of stocks and bonds, about one-half the total value of the railroads of the United States to-day—gone by the board simply because the roads could not do business enough to pay current expenses and pay the interest on their bonds and take up the bonds as they matured. That's all, the only reason. Possibly and probably bad management, and too much competition may have been at the bottom of the trouble in some cases, but this was not the case generally with the roads represented by the 89,487 miles that went into the hands of receivers and passed into other ownership under the sheriff's hammer.

We must look for causes, general causes, in some other direction. It will be noted that the *Railway Age* speaks of the foreclosures since 1876, from which it is to be inferred that the foreclosures previous to that date were comparatively insignificant and scarcely worth embracing in the statement. Then, we take it, the epoch of foreclosures, sufficient to be of general interest and significance, began. That was three years after the demonetization of silver and the adoption of the gold standard by this country, a piece of horrid legislation that practically doubled the bonded debt of every railroad in the United States. Is there any connection between the adoption of the gold standard and the railroad embarrassments which began to follow in such short order? Don't cause and effect begin this early to show the relation they bear to each other? Because the embarrassments followed the demonetization of silver it does not necessarily follow that the demonetization of silver caused them, but the rarity of the embarrassments previous to that, their speedy coming after it and their constant existence and increasing number since is conclusive evidence that if not the only cause the demonetization of silver was one of the main causes of these embarrassments. The mere statement of the case is enough to show it without any reasoning to convince the man who looks the case in the face.

The act which demonetized silver and made the bonded debts of the railroads payable, principal and interest, in gold did not require the people who got the service of the railroads to pay them in gold. They received and had to receive the ordinary currency of the country which although good to pay wages and other current expenses was not good to pay bonded obligations. To meet these they had to go in the market as buyers or borrowers of gold, paying a premium if they bought and increasing their gold indebtedness if they borrowed, making the load they had to carry heavier year after year until finally the inevitable came and they passed into the hands of the receiver and under the sheriff's hammer. Before the passage of the demonetizing act these roads could have paid the interest on their indebtedness in silver, in the same kind of money they earned for the service rendered those who had business with them, and thus every dollar earned was worth a full dollar to them and had not to be discounted in paying debts.

And so it would be if the policy of free silver were the policy of the country to-day, and we had bimetallism instead of the single gold standard. The railroad which owed money could pay in silver every dollar not payable according to contract in gold.

This demonetization with the depression in business, depreciation in prices, &c., following it, is sufficient to account for the embarrassments which in twenty years have brought nearly one-half the railway mileage of the country under the sheriff's hammer.

Is that a policy to be perpetuated?

MINOR MENTION.

That anticipated letter from Candidate Pritchard has, in the nick of time, seen the light through its faithful custodian Harry Skinner, Pop. who is begging for Pritchard. Harry pulled it out on his contingent of Populist solons Tuesday afternoon, at Raleigh. In this letter Candidate Pritchard assured his friend Harry, and, through him the Populists whose votes he was angling for, that he would vote for free silver by international agreement or any other way, save as a rider to a tariff bill or other remedial legislation, and that he would vote for amendments to the national banking laws that would enable farmers to borrow money on land and staple crops as security, which is carrying out the sub-Treasury idea. We pity the intelligence of any Populist who could be caught by such a transparent cheat as this pledge to vote for free silver with the saving clause against the rider thrown in. The acceptance of this pledge, in this shape, would practically let Pritchard out, for every one knows that the free silver members of Congress are banking on a free silver "rider" to the tariff bill to force action on that question, upon which they are fully assured that no positive action will be taken unless the silver men avail themselves of the power they have to force it. Pritchard's pledge simply amounts to this, that he will vote for free silver as an independent measure, when there will be no chance of carrying it, and against free silver as a coercive measure, when there would be some chance to carry it. This letter was doubtless written after consultation with the Republican machine managers, who are anxious for Pritchard's return and hit upon this device to humbug the Populists whose votes will be necessary to elect him. But it is the thinnest kind of a fraud and will deceive no one who isn't seeking for an excuse to vote for Pritchard.

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This has been a bad Winter so far for blizzards, snow storms, rain storms and bad weather generally in the North and Northwest, accompanied by much loss of property, much suffering and much loss of human life and of stock in the Northwest. And yet the Winter has not fairly begun in the Northwest, the section which suffers most from blizzards and storms. Unfortunately for much of the country subjected to these sudden and violent changes, which are frequent, the people cannot prepare for them, and much suffering is always the consequence. Much of it is prairie without a tree, unless those planted by hand, visible for miles, where the people even on the farms are dependent for fuel on the railroads which supply them with coal, the supplies of which are rarely adequate to the demands when snow blockades and other obstructions to travel and transportation occur. Then the people, even in the towns, are compelled to economize in fuel and utilize everything they can to take the place of coal. This is not the story of one winter for that section, but more or less of every winter. And yet we have had no weather in the South cold enough to cause suffering to man or beast, not enough to make ice a quarter of an inch thick on still water with Northern exposure.

Mr. Dingley, of Maine, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was a dapper young man. When he graduated he was dressed in a neatly fitting suit of clothes which was made by the most fashionable tailor he could find. That tailor was Levi Morton, who came within one of being President of the United States, and has gone out of the tailoring business.

Catarrh is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood. †

BOOK NOTICES.

Among other interesting features in *The Outlook* for January 2d are sketches, illustrated, of the Governors elect of the respective States, and the Story of Gladstone's Life, illustrated. In addition to this there is much more interesting matter. This magazine is published weekly, at 10 cents a copy, by The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.

The Review of Reviews for January presents among other papers "Ten Practical Suggestions for Currency Legislation" by ten noted students of finance. "The Progress of the World" is interesting and instructive, as usual, with its sketches of noted personages. Published by The Review of Reviews Co, No. 13 Astor Place, New York.

The North American Review for January present many interesting articles on political and other topics, among them one on "Bryan as a Conjurer," by Andrew Carnegie. In another article Mr. J. E. Milholland points out what he considers the "Danger Point in American Politics." Address, The North American Review, No. 291 Fifth avenue, New York.

There are 3,781 persons drawing annual pensions from this Government, who live in other countries. They receive an aggregate of $582,735, an average of $154 each.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— McKinley ought to be summoned before the Ways and Means Committee, to tell what he knows about producing a tariff, which the country repudiated before it was two years old.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

—— It is now as plain as daylight that the goal of the Cleveland-Olney policy with regard to Cuba is the perpetuation of Spanish rule in the island under the guise of "reforms" guaranteed by the United States Government; that is to say, the destruction of the cause of Cuban independence.—*New York Sun, Dem.*

—— The spectacle of a United States revenue cutter assisting in the departure from a United States port of a vessel loaded with munitions of war consigned to the Cuban insurgent forces was a notable one. The fact seems to be that no law, national or international, exists to prevents such shipments.—*Jacksonville Citizen, Dem.*

—— The Jacksonville *Citizen* remarks that an effort will be made at the approaching session of the Florida legislature to pass a law imposing a tax upon dogs. If Florida and the other Southern States would tax the dogs and spend the money raised in building good roads, they would be astonished at the rapidity with which their prosperity would increase. It is probable that a tax of fifty cents per head on dogs would within a few years raise money enough to pay for complete systems of good roads.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "May I kiss you, Miss Jane?"

"I am sorry to see, Mr. Briggs, that you, too, are affected by the prevailing cause of business depression."

"And that is?"

"Lack of confidence." Then he kissed her.—*Cleveland Plaindealer.*

— She Had Read the Papers—"Papa, said young Mrs. Hunker, "won't you please give George and me $10,000?"

"What do you want that much money for?"

"We want to build a $5,000 house."—*Life.*

— English Bicycle Etiquette—A book on bicycle etiquette has just been published. When a heavy carrier's wagon runs into a bicyclist and punctures his golf stockings, the rider may speak to the driver without the formality of an introduction.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Curious Tourist—What are you fishing for?

Farmer's Boy—Fish.

Curious Tourist—What do you use?

Farmer's Boy—Bait.

Curious Tourist—How do they bite?

Farmer's Boy—With their mouths.—*New York Advertiser.*

— Commercial Rebound—"Do you think public confidence is increasing, Mrs. Badgeley."

"You better believe it; the day after the election my daughter had three offers of marriage."—*Chicago Record.*

— Watts—Did you know they could make whiskey out of sawdust?

Potts—H'm. Last time I was in Chicago I got hold of some that I think must have been made from the buzzsaw itself.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—"'Old up your 'ands!" commanded one of the two footpads, pointing a cocked revolver at the head of a belated citizen.

"You've got the drop on me grumbled the citizen, complying reluctantly, "or I'm darned if I'd let an English syndicate rob me without making some resistance!"—*Chicago Record.*

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A Railroad Official's Experience.

MR. EDWARD EDMONDS, long connected with railroad construction in Nebraska, writes: "My heart troubled and pained me for 19 years. Shortness of breath was the constant and most common symptom. Intense, excruciating pain, generally followed any severe exertion. Faintness, hunger without any appetite; fluttering that made me clutch my breast, and palpitation that often staggered me as if I would fall, were frequent attacks. Again, everything would turn black if I arose from a stooping posture quickly. Sleepless nights with their prostrating unrest were numerous and I could get no rest day or night. I consulted leading physicians and tried advertised remedies. They gave me no relief. One of Dr. Miles' circulars described my case so exactly that I took Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and I am now a well man. I hope every one troubled with heart disease will try Dr. Miles' remedies. If they will write me personally, I will gladly give them full details of my experience." EDW. EDMONDS. P. O. Box 65, David City, Nebraska.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greenville *Reflector*: Out in Mr, T. A. Nichol's neighborhood, in Beaver Dam township, there is a sensation. The cause is the rather peculiar action of certain wells. Since the December snow three wells in the same vicinity have gone to boiling. All over the bottom of the wells the water boils and bubbles like a pot, and there is an accompanying singing noise that can be heard some distance away from the wells. The boiling seems to have no effect at all on the water, neither changing the temperature nor muddying it. Some of the neighbors don't know what to think of the wells and are getting uneasy about them.

— Salisbury *World*: Mr. Joe Strange tells us of the death of Irvin Hicks, a next door neighbor of his, on Sunday, from excessive cigarette smoking. Hicks was only taken sick on Friday. It is learned by Mr. Strange that he had smoked cigarettes to excess for years, although he was only thirteen years old at the time of his death. The physicians could not at first diagnose the case and believed that the lad had been attacked with fevers. Later developments in the case, however, convinced the physicians that the boy's death was due entirely to the consumption of cigarettes. It is not known what quantity he consumed, but he was an inveterate smoker.

— Carthage *Blade*: Operations have been resumed at the well known Cagle mine, situated in the "gold region" of this county. The Cagle Gold Mine has a reputation dating back many years, and its having already yielded in value over one million dollars in the yellow metal is a well authenticated fact. This mine has a well defined vein of gold-bearing blue quartz, of an average thickness of six feet, which has been sufficiently developed to prove beyond all peradventure its permanency and continuity. The vein has been worked to water level where refractory ore was encountered, and the gold in the sulphurets could not be extracted profitably. Now that these rebellious ores can be treated successfully and at the low price of two dollars per ton by what is known as the "Cyanide Process," the "Cagle Mine" will again be a heavy producer of the precious metal.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Coroner Cathey came to town yesterday and lodged at the court his report of an inquest held at Hunterville last Sunday over the body of a negro named George Fisher, who was mortally wounded at a negro festival near Huntersville, last Thursday night. He was shot by a negro named Cheese Johnston. Early yesterday morning, a crowd of five negroes drove into town with a wagon loaded with two bales of cotton. They called on Mr. John W. Miller, said they were from Huntersville, and sold him the cotton. After they drove off for the platform, Mr. Miller, who had not of course, paid them their money, became suspicious and sent word to Weigher Withers to question them, which he had already done. They told him they were from Cabarrus county, had a long way to drive home and were in a hurry to get their cotton weighed, so that they could get their ticket, draw their money from Mr. Miller and get started home. Mr. Withers told them the scales were broken, and detained them on this pretext until the police arrived. Two of the negroes had slipped off. The three caught at the platform were Ike Lawson, Pink Cunningham and Bob Harris. The other two, George Phillips and Tom Dodd, were caught up town. All five were marched to the station house, and about this time three farmers arrived here, one hunting for a stolen horse and wagon and the other two for stolen cotton. On being cornered, the negroes confessed to the robbery.

Master of a Single Art.

Of one art the Boer is master—the management of oxen in wagons. It is an art which is little understood or is despised by most white men except Dutchmen, but, for all that, it is an art, and the Boers practice it to perfection and love it.

I have seen a span of oxen hopelessly stuck in the middle of a rapid river, the oxen at right angles to the chain, the wagon apparently a fixture until the river should come down stronger and sweep it away. Two Boers appeared, and, as they usually will if civilly asked, gave their help. They walked up and down the span, and changed the places of nearly all the oxen. Such a one was evidently a wheeler, an after ox. Another, from his marks, was accustomed to pull on the other side. Another must be put farther up or farther down the span.

The span rearranged, the Boers, with a mighty clap from their whips, whoops, yuuk, Atland, Blomveldt, Jacoop—sonorous yells to the leading oxen—with many a backhanded wrist cut, and then a flick in front, steering the wheelers with the butts of their whips, guiding the leaders with the unerring lash, started the span, kept it pulling straight, and in two minutes the wagon was standing on the other side of the river, the owners and the oxen equally puzzled to know how it got there.—Pall Mall Gazette.

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WOMAN AND HOME.

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Is Woman a Matrimonial Slave?—A Beautiful Foot—The Girl Who Weds Wealth. The Wheel For Mothers—To Poach an Egg Perfectly—Mosaic Glass Windows.

The primary object of the tea table is to provide the equipment for tea, not to become the central object of the room. The light and dainty ones are held to be in best form, and bamboo, in that it comes from the land of tea, is eminently proper. In England, where the daily afternoon tea is much more of a function than with us, light tables are brought into the room. There is no service kept in the drawing room. Here, however, convenience makes the rule and these small tables are found to fill a need.

The bamboo stand has the merit of being easily lifted from place to place and can be set by the hostess' side when in demand. Delicate cups and saucers in blue or gold are harmonious in their effect, as are any of the fine oriental wares.

A charming example is presided over by a young matron wise in such things. Her entire service is in blue and white and her

THE BAMBOO TEA STAND.

cozy is of blue Japanese silk, embroidered with couchings of gold. Being a stickler for what is correct she goes so far as to serve Japanese tea, but she makes it after the rule of a Hindoo expert. Not even silver or gold is allowed to pollute the beverage. Even such fine metal impairs fine tea. In place of the usual ball she has a fine muslin bag fitted with a ring that just slips over the top of the pot. The rule is one teaspoonful to five cups unless it be spoiled with cream. In that case one to three is a better proportion. The tea is put into the bag. The pot is filled with freshly boiled water. The bag is slipped in and both cover and cozy are called into use. Five minutes by the watch and out the bag comes. The tea—clear, delicate, delicious—is ready to drink. No mortal who partakes has aught of which to complain. No evil effects remain. In the Hindoo's own words it is tea, not soup—for the latter is what he declares most of American make to be.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Is Woman a Matrimonial Slave?

There has been a friendly contest in one of the English papers between Sir Walter Besant and "A Correspondent" on the subject of woman's marriage versus her independence and happiness. The correspondent says: "Marriage, as known to the sober minded woman who has done her duty in the married state on any income below £2,000 a year, is one unvaried round of duties—cleaning, cooking, mending—day by day. The eternal stone we roll up hill painfully from morn till eve we find each morning where we found it the morning before." Later on, says Sir Walter, she acknowledges that a woman may marry with a chance of happiness on three conditions, of which one is enough for me. That one is that she loves the man.

This kind of talk about marriage is to me amazing. I have lived a good long time in the world. I have made acquaintances by the hundred; friends—not so many. Looking back upon all the people that I have known, I can safely say that the number of unhappy marriages I have personally witnessed has been very small indeed. By far the larger number of the wives have accepted cheerfully the position of housekeeper and matron. They have kept house for the husbands and children, whose happiness is their own. Many of them have kept house with the earnest intention of making a house beautiful, which became a continual feast for themselves; many of them have brought art into every part of the daily life, which has been a continual feast for themselves as well as the other members of the house. For all these matrons the daily work has been a daily delight.

Then as for drudgery and monotony, is there none in a man's work? Think of the monotony and drudgery of a city clergyman's life when every day he has to tramp around the ungrateful slums. Think of the monotony and drudgery of the doctor going his daily rounds. Think of the monotony and drudgery of the solicitor always drawing up endless documents in the hideous legal jargon. No. The monotony of life, I am quite sure, is pretty evenly ladled out to workingman or wedded wife. What I have said over and over again and do most stoutly maintain is the very simple copy book maxim that without love marriage must be intolerable; but, given love as an essential, then the woman who yields to the promptings of her heart and accepts the burdens—light or heavy—of marriage leads the happiest life. In this matter, as in all others, my humble philosophy soars no higher than the school primer written for the sixth standard on the "Conduct of Life."

A Beautiful Foot.

A truly beautiful foot must first be free of all blemishes, and in perfect proportion to the leg and stature. The instep should be high, or moderately high, and the portion under the instep hollow and well raised above the level of the sole; the toes regular and well developed, the heel narrow and nonprojecting. The general outline of the perfect foot is long, slender and graceful. The toes of the beautiful foot, according to Flaxman, should follow each other imperceptibly in a graceful curve from the first to the fifth, and in the Greek foot, according to the most famous statues, the second toe was made longer than the great toe. The beauty of the longer second toe is disputed.

The high French heel is accountable not only for the distortion of the first joint of the great toe, but for innumerable feminine internal complaints, besides which it is utterly impossible for any woman alive to walk or dance gracefully in high French heels. It is said that a fashionable Frenchwoman once asked a famous artist how to acquire a graceful carriage and was told to take off her high heeled shoes, place them on top of her head and practice walking until she could do so without the little shoes showing the slightest quiver of motion. "When you walk," he said, "with those shoes perfectly balanced, you will have the gait of a goddess, and for the first time since French heels were invented they will really have served to help and not to disfigure a woman."—Exchange.

The Wheel For Mothers.

It is of the utmost importance that the expectant mother be kept well and happy, and no woman—no person—can be either happy or well in mind or body who does not take a reasonable amount of exercise every day. It is a law of life immutable and eternal and we transgress it at our peril. There is no exception made for the coming mother—indeed, if possible, the demand for a certain amount of bodily activity is more imperative than under normal conditions. The exercise must never be carried to the point of weariness—bodily fatigue and mental worry are always to be religiously avoided—ordinary common sense must be exercised in taking it, but mind and muscle must have the requisite amount of occupation.

What affords a better means for this exercise than the bicycle? If a woman has sense enough to ride a bicycle at all, she can safely ride, judicious care being taken not to overdo it, up to six or seven weeks of the child's birth. The gentle exercise, the exhilaration of mind and body, the elevation of spirits and the disappearance of all tendency to "the blues" that follow a little spin in the morning air will be found of untold benefit to mother and child.—Womankind.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.

Southport, January 16, 17.

Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.

Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.

Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—		
2 lb Jute	@	6
Standard	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ lb	12	@ 14
Sides ℔ lb	6	@ 7
Shoulders ℔ lb	6	@ 6¾
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ lb	4½	@ 4¾
Shoulders ℔ lb		@ 4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	@ 1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@ 1 40
New City, each		@ 1 40
BEESWAX ℔ lb	23	@ 24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@ 7 00
Northern	9 00	@ 14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ lb	15	@
Northern	23	@
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@ 42½
Virginia Meal	40	@ 42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@ 1 00
CANDLES—℔ lb—		
Sperm	18	@ 25
Adamantine	9	@ 10
CHEESE ℔ lb—		
Northern Factory	10	@ 11
Dairy, Cream	11	@ 12
State		@ 10
COFFEE—℔ lb—		
Laguyra	20	@
Rio	10	@ 16
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@ 5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@ 20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@ 20
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@ 30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@ 15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@ 18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@ 9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@ 14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@ 3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@ 6 50
N C Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@ 3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@ 10
" Extra	3 35	@ 3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade		@ 3 75
Choice		@ 4 50
Straight	5 00	@ 5 25
First Patent	5 50	@ 5 75
GLUE—℔ lb—	7½	@ 8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White	42½	@ 45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	40	@ 42½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@ 42½
Oats, from store	30	@ 32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@ 45
Cow Peas	45	@ 50
HIDES, ℔ lb—		
Green		@ 6
Dry		@ 8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—		
Eastern		@ 1 05
Western		@ 90
North River		@ 85
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	2	@ 2½
LARD, ℔ lb—		
Northern	5½	@ 6½
North Carolina	6	@ 10
LIME ℔ barrel		@ 1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@ 20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@ 16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@ 18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@ 22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@ 15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@ 22
" " " in bbls		@ 23
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@ 29
" " in bbls		@ 30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@ 14
" " in bbls	14	@ 15
Syrup, in bbls	15	@
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@ 2 60
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	9 00	@ 9 25
Rump		@ 9 75
Prime		@ 8 75
ROPE, ℔ lb	10	@ 22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@ 75
Liverpool		@ 65
Lisbon		@
American		@ 65
On 125 lb Sacks	40	@ 45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@ 6 50
Common	1 80	@ 2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@ 3 50
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Granu'd		@ 4¾
Standard A		@ 4½
White Ex. C		@ 4⅜
Extra C, Golden	4	@ 4⅜
C Yellow		@ 3⅞
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3¼	@ 4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@ 14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@ 10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@ 9 00
Mill, Prime		@ 7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@ 4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@ 3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@ 3 00
TALLOW, ℔ lb	5	@
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@ 2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@ 2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 6

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 25⅛ cents per gallon for machine made casks, and 25⅛ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market dull at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Dull. Hard $1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28@27½c; rosin, strained, $1 30; good strained, 1 35; tar, 0 90; crude turpentine, $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	183
Rosin	1,339
Tar	261
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year—18 casks spirits turpentine, 412 bbls rosin, 22 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¼	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5⅜	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	6 15-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¼c.

Receipts—170 bales; same day last year 316.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2.25; six inch, $2 50 to 3.50, seven inch, $5 50 to 6 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 6—Evening.—Money on call to day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent, closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for sixty days; 486½@486¾ for demand Commercial bills 482¼@483¼. Government bonds firm; United States coupon fours 111¼ United States twos 95¼; State bonds quiet; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 120. Rail road bonds steady.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was dull.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 6—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7¼c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; January 6 89, February 6 94, March 7 03 April 7 09, May 7 17, June 7 22 July 7 25, August 7 27, September 6 93 October 6 95 November 7 00. Sales 121 200 bales

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 5,756 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 1,879 bales; sales 2,833 bales; sales to spinners 33 bales; stock 287,539 bales

Total to-day—Net receipts 24 293 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,705 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 10 576 bales; stock 1,233,722 bales

Total so far this week—Net receipts 114 707 bales; exports to Great Britain 52,248 bales; to France 1 363 bales; to the Continent 43,425 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,039 123 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,949,828 bales; exports to France 421,036 bales; exports to the Continent 1,138 629 bales.

Flour was quiet and about steady; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 45; fair to fancy $3 55@4 90; do. patents $4 95 @5 25; Minnesota clear $3 50@4 00. patents $4 50@5 35; low extra $2 30@3 45, Southern flour was quiet and steady; common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05. Wheat—spot fairly active for export at lower prices; free on board 97⅞; ungraded red 78@97c. options opened firm at ⅛@⅜c advance, declined 1⅜@1½c, rallied ⅛@⅜c, and closed steady at 1⅛@1½c below yesterday; No. 2 red January 89⅝c; March 91¼c; May 87⅝c; July 83⅝c. Corn—spot quiet and easier; No. 2 29½@29⅝c at elevator and 30¼c afloat. options were dull and weak at ½c decline; January 29⅝c; May 31¼c; July 32⅝c. Oats—spot dull and weaker; options easier and dull; January 22c; February 22⅝c; May 23⅜c; spot prices—No. 2, 22c, No. 2 white 24½c; mixed Western 22@24c. Lard quiet and easier; Western steam $4 07½; city $3 70, January $4 05. new refined dull; Continent $4 30, South America $4 60; compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork easy, with a moderate demand, new mess $8 25. Butter quiet; fancy steady; State dairy 10@16c; do. creamery 14@19c. Western creamery —c; Elgins 20c. Eggs—choice firm; State and Pennsylvania 19@21c; ice house 14@15c; Western fresh 18@19c. do. per case $1 50 @3 30; Southern 17½@18½c; limed 14 @15c. Cotton seed oil quiet and nominal; crude 20c; yellow prime 22c. Rice quiet, firm and unchanged. Molasses quiet and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; picked 3⅜@4c. Coffee irregular and 5 to 10 points down; February $9 80@9 90 March $9 90@10 00; May $10 00@10 05, June $10 10; July $10 15 September $10 15 @10 25; December $10 30. spot Rio was dull and firm; No. 7 $10 25. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 3 13 16 @3⅜c; refined unchanged and fairly active.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet, easy and prices unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 77⅜@80½c; No. 2 red 87⅜@90c. Corn—No 2 23@23¼c. Oats—No 2 16½@16⅝c Mess pork $7 60 @7 65. Lard, $3 80@3 82½. Short rib sides, loose, $3 65@3 95 Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $3 87½@4 00. Whiskey $1 18.

The leading futures ranged as follows opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—January 80@80¼, 80¼ 77⅞ 78. May 83¼@83⅝, 83⅝ 81⅜ 81⅜c. July 78⅝@78⅞, 78⅞ 76⅝, 76⅝c. Corn—January 23, 23, 23 23c; May 25¼@25⅝, 25⅝, 25¼@25⅜, 25¼@25⅜c; July 26⅜, 26⅝, 26⅜, 26⅜c. Oats—January 16¼, 16¼, 15⅞, 15⅞c; May 19⅜, 19⅜, 18⅞, 18⅞c. Pork—January $7 60, 7 65, 7 55, 7 55; May $7 82½, 7 87½ 7 80, 7 80. Lard—January $3 80, 3 80, 3 80, 3 80; May $3 97½, 3 97½, 3 95 3 95. Short ribs—January $3 85, 3 85 3 85, 3 85; May $3 97½, 4 00, 3 95, 3 97½.

BALTIMORE, January 6.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat dull and lower; spot 92¾@93c; May 89½@89⅝c; Southern by sample 95@96c. do on grade 89½@93½c. Corn steady; spot and January 27½@27⅝c; February 27⅝@28c; March 28⅛@28⅜c; April 29½@29⅝c, Steamer mixed 25½@25⅝c; Southern corn 23@28c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 25@25½c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

January 6.—Galveston, quiet at 6 13-16, net receipts 4 129 bales; Norfolk, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 3,171 bales; Baltimore, nomial at 7, net receipts 1,699 bales; Boston, quiet at 7 1-16, net receipts 1,487 bales, Wilmington, firm at 6⅝, receipts 170 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7⅛c, net receipts 148 bales; Savannah, steady at 6⅝ net receipts 3 703 bales; New Orleans, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 9,300 bales; Mobile, steady at 6 11-16, net receipts 1,891 bales; Memphis, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 824 bales. Augusta, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 213 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6⅝, net receipts 781 bales

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 6.—12 30 P. M.—Cotton, good demand and prices hardening. American middling 3 3 32d. Sales 12,000 bales, of which 10 500 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 17 000 bales, of which 12 400 were American. Futures opened steady and demand moderate. American middling (l m c) January 3 58 64@3 59 64d; January and February 3 56-64, 3 57 64@3 58 64d; February and March 3 56-64@3 57 64d; March and April 3 56 64@3 57-64d, April and May 3 57-64@3 58 64d; May and June 3 57 64@3 58 64d; June and July 3 58-64@3 59-64d; July and August 3 60-64d. Futures steady.

Tenders none.

12.45 P. M.—American spot grades 1 32d higher. American middling fair 4⅜d; good middling 4 3 32d; middling 4d; low middling 3⅞d; good ordinary 3¾d; ordinary 3 9-16d.

4 P. M.—American middling (l m c) January 3 60 64d seller; January and February 3 58 64@3 59-64d buyer; February and March 3 58 64@3 59 64d seller; March and April 3 58 64@3 59 64d seller; April and May 3 59 64d buyer; May and June 3 59 64@3 60 64d buyer; June and July 3 60-64d buyer; July and August 3 61 64d seller; August and September 3 59 64@3 60-64d value. Futures closed firm.

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You sang me a song—
'Twas the close of the year—
Sing again!
I cannot remember the name
Or the words.
'Tis the same
We listen to hear
When the windows are open in spring,
And the air's full of birds.
One calls from the branch some sweet thing
And one sings on the wing
The refrain.

You sang me a song
My heart thrilled to hear,
The refrain
Has run like a fillet of gold
Through the woof
Of the cold,
Dark days of a year.
Tonight there's a year at its start,
All the birds are aloof.
Your eyes hold the sun for my part,
And the spring's in your heart.
Sing again!
—M. L. VanVorst in Scribner's.

A PARLOR PUPPET.

Mildred Waring considers herself an intellectual person. Her intellectual capacities display themselves in the occasional perusal of uninteresting books and in the subsequent distribution of fragments of their contents to unwilling listeners. Ordinarily the only result is to render conversation impossible, but that evening, in Mrs. Arkwright's snuggery, she annoyed me into argument. She had been reading some idiotic book about the Indian mutiny and began to fabricate generalities about men as the result. Generalities only hurt their perpetrator, but I knew Mildred's generalities were not general. Little Dicky Whitbread had been chaffing Harold Pilkington, who had hovered about Mildred for the last season, and her remarks about strong men and drawing room puppets obviously applied to them. Mr. Pilkington is a large, dark man, with a small, dark mind, the kind of man who only smiles to show his teeth, and Dicky—well, Dicky is what you would expect in a man whom men and many women call Dicky.

"Nicholson," said Mildred sententiously in the course of our argument, "was a real man. He was a tall, silent man, who in a great crisis rose to the occasion."

"That was a comfort," yawned Lena Dawson. "He might have improved it."

"He was probably," I said, without the least notion who the man named Nicholson was, "a person whom men consider stupid and his wife a brute."

"And there was Lord Lawrence," went on Mildred, with a contemptuous sniff. "They were both heroes."

"It's much easier to be a hero than a decent husband," said Mrs. Frobisher, who is so attached to her own husband that she is compelled to conceal it with cynicism.

"Thank you, Mrs. Frobisher," I said. "That's exactly what I mean. I believe real good sorts are real good always, and the little things mean most because it's so hard to make them melodramatic."

"At Lucknow"— began Mildred.

"Bother Lucknow!" I interjected rather rudely. "I never was in an Indian mutiny; but, if I were, I'd rather be there with a man who's been nice when he's been wet through."

"Let's play at it," said Lena Dawson, waking up. Lena makes life a kind of round game. "We might have a hero prize. I should like to know whether there's a real hero in the house."

Lena eventually arranged the game. The next night there were to be pistol shots emanating from a fictitious burglar, and the hero prize was to be given to the man who behaved best.

"I wonder what the men will do?" said Lena.

"Let me see. Old Major Turner will certainly God bless his soul. I hope he won't use worse language. And your husband will probably at once save you, Mrs. Frobisher. And what do you think Mr. Arkwright will do, Mrs. Arkwright?"

"It would be a great opportunity for his fire grenades. I should think he'll invent a new burglar trap that will make the house uninhabitable," suggested Mrs. Arkwright maliciously. Her husband's inventions are a trial to Mrs. Arkwright, and he had recently almost succeeded in permanently extinguishing two of the little Arkwrights with a patent grenade.

"And Mr. Pilkington?" went on Lena.

"There is a gallery in the affairs of men," I said.

"We shall see," said Mildred.

"He'll take good care of that, if he does anything," I answered.

"I know," said Lena. "I will make it better fun if we draw for the men and make a sweepstakes of it."

Lena always regulates the rules of her games, and we acquiesced from force of habit.

"I've got Mr. Arkwright," she announced as the result of the draw.

"I hope he'll be heroic and not electric, or anything of that kind. Mrs. Miller, you and Mrs. Foulkes have exchanged husbands. You've got Major Turner—God bless his soul—Mrs. Arkwright. And I'm afraid, Mrs. Frobisher, you'll have to hope for heroism in your husband. Mildred, Dicky's fallen to you—I fear he's not a big, silent man. And you, Kittie," she said to me, "will be glad that you've drawn Mr. Pilkington."

I believe Lena cooked that draw, but none of us protested, except Mrs. Frobisher.

The affair came off the next night. Mrs. Arkwright went down and got her husband's revolver out of the gunroom. Lena fired two shots, and Mildred and I were deputed to alarm the smoking room.

"There's a burglar up stairs," I exclaimed breathlessly, "in Miss Dawson's room! He's tried to shoot Miss Dawson."

"God bless my soul!" said Major Turner.

"Send for the police at once!" said Dean Foulkes firmly.

"Where's my wife?" said Mr. Frobisher.

"Is he in the house still?" asked Mr. Arkwright.

"I think so," I said. "We've locked the door on the outside."

"He'll get out of the window," remarked Major Turner, with a bloodthirsty look. "Make a row at the door. I'll wait for him on the lawn"—which I believe he did, with a double barreled gun.

There was a rush up stairs. It was rather a funny scene. They all got some kind of weapon except Mr. Pilkington and Dean Foulkes. The latter strode up with unruffled pomposity, apparently prepared to combat the foe in the mere strength of his official capacity. Dicky staid alone in the smoking room and smoked on.

"Dicky," I said, "are you afraid?"

"I don't think I'm afraid of the burglar," he replied, "but if those idiots are going to fire about a bedroom promiscuously I'd rather be here."

I cast a withering look on him and followed the others up stairs. I saw Mr. Pilkington walk up to the door and unlock it, while the others paused.

"You'd better surrender quietly," he exclaimed. He looked the ideal of quiet bravery.

"Let the ladies go away," he went on, when there was no answer. "We must search the room."

He walked boldly in, and the others followed. Of course there was no trace of a burglar. We were awaiting further developments with interest, when that silly little Mrs. Frobisher quieted her perturbed husband with the truth. He imagined, I think, that a burglar's sole object would be to shoot or steal Mrs. Frobisher. Of course the game was rather spoiled, for we might have had a good long burglar hunt.

The men went away again to the smoking room. Major Turner said something about lumbago when he came in; otherwise they took the thing rather well. Dicky merely remarked, I believe, "Glad I didn't bother about it."

"Kittie, you win Mr. Pilkington," said Lena afterward, "though the major was a good second. The burglar probably would have got out of the window, and the lumbago is in many ways worse than a burglar. He's a dear old thing. I shall make his gruel myself if he does get bad."

"My man was an inglorious last," said Mildred triumphantly.

"What, Dicky?" asked Lena. "I didn't notice him. What did he do?"

"With a masterly inaction," answered Mildred, smiling maliciously at me, "he staid in the smoking room, mounting guard over the whisky."

"Cowardice," said Mrs. Foulkes, who was immensely pleased at the dean's behavior as the church militant, "argues an entirely bad moral disposition."

Several other people made several other severe remarks about Dicky.

"We shall have to try him for cowardice," said Lena. "We might play at that tomorrow night."

I went to bed and left Lena arranging the details of the game.

At breakfast next day poor little Dicky got freely snubbed, and Mr. Pilkington smiled with a placid air of heroism. I had to pretend to thank him for winning the sweep for me. Afterward I overhead him remark to Mrs. Foulkes that "she mustn't be too hard on the little beggar." Magnanimity is the kind of quality that such a man revels in. Altogether I was very much annoyed. Dicky didn't seem to mind in the least. He merely smiled when Lena told him of the trial and departed to the summer house with a novel and a pipe.

I went out to talk to him soon afterward.

"Hello, Miss Anstey!" he said as I came near. "You'd better not speak to me. Unclean, unclean!"

"Shut up, Dicky," I answered. "What does it all mean?"

"Oh, only that I'm a coward, Miss Anstey!" he replied, with a smile. "And Pilkington is a hero. Have they got him a laurel crown yet?"

"Don't be silly," I said. "What did you do it for?"

"I am to be tried tonight," he answered, "and you mustn't attempt to extract admissions from me. By the way, who is the learned prosecutor?"

"Miss Waring."

"The Lord hath delivered— Do you ever bet?" he chuckled.

"I've backed you for a good many gloves already, Dicky," I said.

"You've a taste for backing outsiders, have you, Miss Anstey?" he answered. "Well, it would spoil it for you if I told you, but don't hedge. There's only one thing more I'm praying for."

I couldn't extract anything less oracular from him except that he was reading Kipling to cultivate a taste for spurious bravery. He strolled across the lawn soon afterward with a large white feather in his buttonhole and went out for a long walk.

At dinner Dicky was quiet and said very little. But he whispered to me, "Try to make Miss Waring angry. The thicker she lays it on the better it'll be."

"Mildred," I said afterward, "Dicky's got something up his sleeve."

"Has he?" she said anxiously. "What is it?"

"His arm," I answered.

Mildred, like most superior persons, hates catches, and though this one is, I am told, ancient it had the desired effect. I wanted to do my best, not only for Dicky, but for myself, for I had been plunging on the result of the trial during the day to an extent that alarmed me.

"You'll get horribly scored off, Mildred," I went on. "I believe he'll just laugh your case out of court. His cross examination of Mr. Pilkington ought to be lovely."

"Oh, is this his idea?" said Mildred, and I left her in a state of indignation concocting further pleasantries for the luckless Dicky.

As the evening was warm we held the trial in the garden. Mildred made a most offensive speech about Dicky. "Fashion's popinjay," "fin de siecle spoons," "chicken hearted tailor's model," were, I remember, among the gems of her denunciation. Major Turner, who was judge, tried to moderate her once or twice, and Lena whispered to me that she would make Mildred an apple pie bed. But it was the eulogium on Mr. Pilkington that was the most interesting part of her speech, for it concluded with a melodramatic announcement of Mildred's engagement to him.

"The one thing wanting," murmured Dicky softly to me.

Then there were a lot of witnesses, of whom I was one. Dicky just sat and smoked and smiled. When the case for the prosecution was over, Dicky said quietly, "Mrs. Arkwright, might I borrow your butler for a few minutes?"

The butler came, and Dicky asked him: "Did I speak to you yesterday after lunch?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did I induce you to tell Mr. Pilkington that you had heard from Mrs. Frobisher's maid that there was to be a pretended burglary?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you?"

"Yes, sir."

"What did he say?"

"He gave me an inducement, sir, not to tell any one else," said the butler, with a broad grin.

"Thanks!" said Dicky. "That's all I want to say—except, perhaps, that Mrs. Frobisher and Mrs. Foulkes shouldn't discuss secrets near the summer house."

I don't think I ever saw any one look a more complete idiot than Mr. Pilkington or any one angrier than Mildred. The court broke up informally, and every one apologized to Dicky. Mildred and her hero went off alone. Later in the evening I sent the proceeds of the sweep round to Mildred at Lena's suggestion. That was the last I saw of her for some time. She disappeared early the next day, and Mr. Pilkington was suddenly called away in the afternoon.

"Prig sticking isn't bad sport," was Dicky's comment.—Exchange.

Turned Down Lamps.

When New York was suffering from an epidemic of diphtheria, the board of health decided that its presence was to be attributed to the fumes of a kerosene lamp turned down low more than to any other single cause. Whether or not this be so, it is certainly a mistaken kindness on the part of an indulgent mother to allow a lamp to remain in a child's bedroom with the flame turned low. A turned down kerosene lamp is a magazine of deadly gas, to which the strongest lungs cannot be safely exposed.—New York Herald.

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TWO LOST YEARS.

The curtain had just descended on the second act of "Somnambula."

From the proscenium boxes the great auditorium looked like a garden of moving flowers. To Eliab Brown it resembled a picture of the dazzling scenery of the "Arabian Nights."

"That is what you call an opera matinee, eh?" said the old man at length, leaning back and taking off his glasses. "Well, I do wish your Aunt Sary was here to see it! Not that the music suits me. It's all kind o' mixed up."

Katy Sumner laughed at her uncle's ideas of musical excellence, but she put her little gloved hand caressingly on the old man's.

A group of young men stood lounging in the lobby, languid and effeminate looking.

"Haven't seen Wyndham here today," drawled one. "Doesn't he usually patronize this sort of thing?"

"There's his sister yonder," returned another. "Nice girl, but rather old maidish. By the way, doesn't Kate Sumner look charming this afternoon. Wonder what old antediluvian she's got with her?"

"I never guess," said the first speaker. "It's too much trouble. Hello! Here's Wyndham!"

Richard Wyndham, a tall, haughty looking man, took a leisurely survey of the house.

"I merely came as an escort for my sister. Excuse me, I must join her."

As Richard Wyndham walked slowly down Broadway, with his sister hanging on his arm, he was unwontedly silent.

"Dick, what is the matter with you?" asked Miss Wyndham impatiently. "I've asked you three times what you think of this new singer!"

"Forgive me," said the young man. "I confess to a little absentmindedness today. How should you like to visit Switzerland this spring?"

"If you are determined, certainly. But I had hoped you would have seen some face with enough magnetism to chain you to a happy fireside of your own."

"Perhaps I may have been fascinated—bewitched," he began, but at that moment Mr. Sumner's carriage rolled by.

Katy's hand lay caressingly on the window, with a diamond bracelet blazing on her wrist. Her sweet face, just tinged by a fleeting blush, looked out, with a smile of recognition.

Richard bowed, as the high stepping grays whirled past him, and, with a face somewhat paler, finished his remark, "But I have had courage to resist the snare."

The last apple blossoms lay in rosy drifts on the velvet grass of country orchards—the bright American sky was bluer and sunnier than the heavens of all the southern climes that lie in soft, eternal sunshine.

At least so Wyndham thought as he stepped once more on shore from the deck of the steamer which had brought him across the Atlantic.

A homesick wanderer, alone now, for Emily lay under the turf of a little churchyard where the violets of France bloomed.

He shrank from recognition and was seriously annoyed when an old acquaintance caught him by both hands.

"Back again, eh? Come, you shall dine with me tonight, and we'll talk over old times."

No refusal would satisfy Alric, and Wyndham was forced to comply.

"Plenty of changes," said the former as they sat together over their dessert. "But that's generally the bill of fare when a man returns from a two years' absence. Let me see. Jennings is dead, Soames' wife has eloped, Maynard is married, old Sumner failed and died afterward. You remember his pretty daughter, don't you? And"—

"Sumner failed? What has become of the family?"

"Don't know, I'm sure. You know how it is in a city like this—when a man goes under the tide closes over his head. Clairville has made a fortune in the wine business, and"—

But Wyndham heard nothing further. Not until that moment did he realize how often Kate Sumner's eyes had mingled in the phantasies of waking vision and midnight dream! It came to him like heartbreak.

A warm July evening he drew bridle in front of a puzzling tangle of crossroads, where the Connecticut hills were traversed by a merry little stream.

"Upon my word," he mused, "I scarcely know which way to turn. I can't very well take all four roads at once. So go ahead, Selim."

The sun trembled above the line of far off hills and there was yet no sign of human presence, save a solitary farmhouse, with roof covered by patches of green moss, nestling in a hollow.

Wyndham paused a moment, then rode up to the dooryard.

He strode courageously round to the back door, where a little garden stretched itself down the slope of the hill.

There a slender figure in a brown dress was stooping, gathering fruit. He advanced with an apologetic cough.

"I beg your pardon, but could I inquire"—

"Mr. Wyndham!"

"Miss Sumner!"

Of course there were explanations and all that sort of thing, and a long time they took, too, considering there were no very elaborate disclosures to be made.

"Will you, Kate, dearest?" was his last question as they turned toward the house.

"You must ask Uncle Eliab; he is my only guardian now, and I keep house for him since Aunt Kate died," answered Kate demurely.

"Well," said Uncle Eliab, with his hand on Katy's brown hair, "so you've made up your mind to live in New York again. Well, I never was there but once, and I don't know as I want to go again."

"And you supposed me to be a frivolous butterfly, basking in the sunshine of prosperity," said Katy a little later; "I'm much obliged, sir!" "No dearest," returned the young man earnestly, "it was a false idea and one which has cost me two years of unhappiness. It is a pity that we can only learn from experience in this world!"—New York Press.

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"Yes, sir," answered the youngster.

"Well, but look here, sonny," remarked the man, "why didn't you come at 6 o'clock? That's the time we begin here."

"Yes, I know that, sir," replied the lad on the nail. "But you told me not to come again till I was full up 11, and I wasn't 11 till 10 minutes past 7!"—Strand Magazine.

Out of the Ordinary.

Man (at a restaurant)—What sort of chicken do you call this, waiter?

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Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

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Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m. Arrive Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9.42 a m, Rowland 10.00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2.25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.55 a m, 9.40 a m and 8.00 p m, arrive Darlington 9.28 a m, 10.20 a m and 8.20 p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m, leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 4.45 p m and 5.15 p m arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.21 p m. Leave Darlington 7.15 p m, 6.27 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6.55 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m Sumter 9.25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6.45 p m Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m Gibson 9.50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 p m, Manning 6.55 p m, arrive Lane's 7.37 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.53 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.20 a m, Creston 5.2 a m, arrive Denmark 6.20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4.37 p m, Creston 5.32 p m, Sumter 6.30 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3.50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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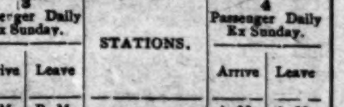

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City ...	8 01	8 17
P. M	P. M.		A. M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar... Wilmington ...Lve	7 00 a.
4 35 "	Lv... Fayetteville ...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar .. Fayetteville ... Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv .... Sanford Lv	1 00 p. m
12 41 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro... Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale.... Lv	4 10 "
"		"
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton.... Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville... Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar..... Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv ..... Climax Lv	8 35 "
3 20 "	Lv ... Greensboro... Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	10 47 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No 403
		P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 55	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 52
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
			P. M.
Arrive Lincolnton	"		12 55
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
		A. M.	
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	† 9 35	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 45	
			P. M.
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		† 5 30
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
		P. M.	
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
			A. M.
" Monroe	"	9 05	*10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
			P. M.
" Clinton	"	11 58	1 20
		A. M.	
" Greenwood	"	1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 10
" Atlanta	"	5 2	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
		P. M.	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
		A. M.	P. M.
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	*10 00	* 4 30
		A. M	P. M.
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C	† 9 35	* 5 05
			P. M.
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		* 6 40

EAST AND NORTH

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
			P. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		* 3 20
		A. M.	
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
			A. M.
" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 21
		P. M	
" Henderson	"	1 0	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
		P M	A. M.
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L	* 5 50	* 7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
		P. M.	A. M.
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L	* 6 40	* 6 10
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
		A. M.	P. M.
" Baltimore	"	12 48	12 05
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 51

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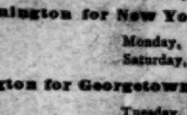

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Market Almost in a Panic—A Decline in Prices of All Products.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The bulls suffered complete rout to day, the market being almost in a panic. The amount of long wheat sold regardless of price was something enormous, and had it not been for the covering purchases by one or two commission houses, the break might possibly have been even more serious than it was. It was noteworthy that some of the largest selling orders were in the hands of people who trade for St. Louis almost exclusively. There was, however, several big lines sold for the account of local professionals. May wheat opened from 83½@83⅝c, declined to 81⅜c, closing at 81½c—1⅛@1⅜c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and 2c lower.

May corn opened at 25⅛@25⅜c, sold between 25⅝ and 25⅛@25⅜c, closing at the inside—⅛@¼c under yesterday. Trading in cash corn was at strong prices but the close was nominally weak.

May oats closed ⅛@⅛c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady, closing nominally weak with the futures.

Provisions—Steadiness marked the early trading in product. Dealings were of minor importance, no outside orders coming to hand and packers and professionals doing the bulk of the business. The hog market was easy, which fact tended to discourage buying. The drop in wheat caused an easy tone to develop late in the session. May pork closed 5c lower, May lard 2½c lower and May ribs a shade lower.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Movement of Cotton at Interior Towns—Gun's Review of the Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—Secretary Hester's semi-weekly movement at the thirteen interior towns in 1896 shows: Receipts, 29,970 bales; shipments, 45,514; stock, 441,438. In 1895—Receipts, 26,098 bales; shipments, 38,106; stock, 444,276. In 1894—Receipts, 45,863 bales; shipments, 61,737; stock, 461,780.

NEW YORK, January 6.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here advanced 1-16c, with sales of 88 bales for spinning; 2,800 were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7⅛c, against 8 5-16c last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7⅜c. The Liverpool news to-day was better than had been expected and prices here advanced quite sharply early in the day—that is, quite sharply considering the dullness of the speculation. Liverpool was higher both for futures and spots, with a good demand for spot cotton. Liverpool bought here shorts covered, there was some new buying and the receipts at the ports and interior towns were light. New Orleans sold here early in the day but subsequently became a buyer. The most unfavorable feature at the present time is the dullness of the speculation. Many operators expect higher prices if the receipts continue on the present scale. Before the close there was a slight reaction on local realizing, but the last prices showed a substantial net improvement for the day.

GOVERNOR ALTGELD

Granted Pardon Yesterday to Nineteen Convicts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Governor Altgeld capped the climax of an unusual pardon record yesterday by granting freedom to nineteen convicts, one of whom is John McGrath, for a decade, the leader of the Henry Street gang, and an arch enemy of the police. Five other Cook county criminals were turned loose by the retiring Governor, but not all of them together will be received in the city with so much fear and horror as as the noted McGrath. Of much interest to the police also is the commutation of the sentence of Mamie Starr, a life prisoner at Joliet, sentenced from Chicago in 1890 for poisoning her employers. The sentence in her case was commuted to twelve years and allowing for percentages off, she will soon be free.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

The Governor's Annual Message Read in Both Houses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—The State Legislature met at 11 o'clock this morning to organize for at least a four month's session. The Governor's annual message was read in both houses at noon. The message was but half as long as previous documents of this character, and is one of the most pithy State papers that has ever emanated from a Chief Executive of New York State. It suggests many changes in the administration of State affairs.

Both houses adjourned before 1 o'clock until next Wednesday evening in order to give Speaker O'Grady time for the preparation of his standing committees which will be announced then.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 6.—Rosin quiet and steady; strained common to good $1 79½. Spirits turpentine firm at 37½@38¼c.

CHARLESTON, January 6.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 60, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, January 6.—Spirits turpentine closed firm at 35½c; sales of 500 casks; receipts were 670 casks. Rosin firm; sales 3 000 barrels; receipts 5 096 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F, G $1 50 @1 55, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 95, N $1 95, W G $2 15, W W $2 50.

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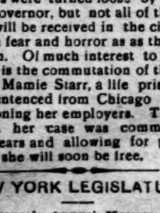

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THE CUBAN QUESTION

AGAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.

Senator Call's Resolution Discussed—No Action Probable on the Cameron Resolution—Bill to Amend the Postal Laws Relating to Second Class Mail Matter Passed by the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Cuban question was under consideration in the Senate to-day in the form of two resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Call of Florida, Democrat—one resolution calling on the Secretary of State for copies of the correspondence in the matter of Julio Sanguilly, an American citizen condemned by the Spanish authorities in Cuba to perpetual imprisonment in chains, and the other a joint resolution instructing the President to demand Sanguilly's immediate release. The first was agreed to and the second was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

In a long speech on the subject of these resolutions the case of Charles Govin was discussed quite as much as that of Sanguilly. The statements of the Spanish officials that Govin's death resulted from wounds received in battle were discredited; and the assertion was repeated on the authority of a person whom Mr. Call did not name, but who, he said, was to be a member of the next Congress, that Govin had been tied to a tree and cut to pieces with machetes by a squad of cavalry riding past. The two cases, Mr. Call said, were types of what was occurring to hundreds of American citizens in Cuba; and it only needed investigation by the Senate to take the cover off that scene of butchery. As to a combination of European Powers against the United States Mr. Call declared that there was no danger of such a thing in view of the effect which it would have on the masses of the people in European countries and that the sympathies of mankind would be with the American Republic in such a struggle.

Senate bill to amend the act repealing the timber culture law was passed; also the House bill for the appointment by brevet of active or retired officers of the army.

An adverse report from the Committee on Foreign Relations on the claim of John S. Waller, United States consul at Madagascar, for damages by reason of his arrest and imprisonment, was presented and indefinitely postponed.

The Senate joint resolution requesting the Government of Great Britain to pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick, which was reported adversely last session, was taken from the calendar and indefinitely postponed.

House bill providing for free homesteads on the public lands in Oklahoma Territory—amended so as to apply to all lands obtained from Indian tribes—was taken up as the unfinished business and was discussed for nearly two hours and went over until to-morrow without action.

And then, at 4 p. m., after a brief executive session, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

In the executive session the Committee on Foreign Relations, through Senator Lodge, submitted a favorable report on certain extradition treaties with the Orange Free State and the Argentine Republic. The request was made that immediate action be taken, as the State Department was anxious that the treaties should be ratified as soon as possible. Mr. Chandler, however, objected, on the ground that the conventions were not printed so that Senators could read them. Action was therefore postponed until to-morrow.

Although the Cuban resolutions were not discussed in the session of the Committee of Foreign Relations this morning, owing to the absence of Mr. Cameron the members of the committee talked about the resolutions informally after other business had been finished.

It seems certain from the temper of the committee that if the effort is made to have the Cameron resolutions referred back to the committee there will be a bitter fight and the committee will endorse its action on ordering the report and resolutions which are not on the calendar. Such effort is not anticipated, for Mr. Hale and those who are with him are satisfied with the present condition of things and will do nothing to start the agitation.

Members of the committee appreciate the strength of the organization that has been effected to prevent final action by the Senate and there appears to be a tacit understanding that the resolution shall not now be pushed. A sufficient number of Senators has been arrayed on the other side to protract debate, and the friends of the resolution find that by rushing them they will pass no appropriation bills. This they do not care to do, although there are a few of the more radical Senators who would go even to the extreme of blocking the appropriation bills to secure the passage of the resolutions. The present indications appear to be against action on the Cameron resolutions.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After two days' debate the House this afternoon, by a vote of 144 to 105, passed the bill introduced by Mr. Loud, chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, to amend the laws relating to second class mail matter. The principal features of the bill were those denying to the mails as second class matter sample copies of newspapers and serial novel publications, and withdrawing from news agents the privilege of returning to their principals at the pound rate unsold copies of periodicals. The general debate was closed by Mr. Loud in a half hour's speech in favor of the bill, preceding which Messrs. Milliken, Republican, of Missouri; Wagner, Republican, of Pennsylvania; Tracey, Republican, of Missouri; Morse, Republican, of Massachusetts, and Bingham, Republican, of Pennsylvania, addressed the House in opposition to the bill. The two hours devoted to a consideration of the bill under the five minute rule was productive of no change in the text, as referred to the Committee of the Whole, and at 4 o'clock it was reported to the House for final action.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republican, addressed the House on a question of personal privilege. He called attention to the fact that a resolution introduced by him and adopted by the House December 8th, last, calling upon the heads of the several departments for certain information as to the operation of the Civil Service law, had as yet received no response from any one of the Cabinet officers. He felt justified, he said, in raising the question whether or not Congress had been properly treated in this regard, expressing the opinion that this silence of seven months showed that the heads of the several departments, as well as the Executive himself had begun to ignore the demands of Congress. A resolution asking each Cabinet officer to inform the House why no response had been made to the original resolution was agreed to without division.

At 4.30 the House adjourned until to-morrow.

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BIMETALLIC CONFERENCE

At Lincoln, Nebraska—Large Attendance—Address by Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 6.—The Lansing Theatre was completely filled this morning when the State Bimetallic Conference was called to order. When Mr. Bryan entered the hall he was greeted with deafening applause. Judge Green reviewed the campaign of 1896 and said that while beaten at the polls the silver forces were not conquered. The battle of Bull Run did not decide the war nor had the battle of 1896 decided the silver cause.

Mr. Bryan said the warm reception accorded him prompted him to paraphrase an old saying which would read: "It is better to have run and lost than not to have run at all."

He reviewed the campaign from the Chicago Convention until the close of the polls. He showed the great gain made by the silver party since '94, and said that he believed that with the efforts to be made during the next four years there could be no doubt of a victory in 1900. He spoke of the Bimetallic League, which is about to be organized in this State, and advised all friends of silver without regard to party affiliations to be enrolled under one banner. He suggested that the Legislature should further amend the election laws of the State to the end that the voters should be better protected from intimidation; also, that corporations should not be permitted to contribute funds for election purposes. Such contributions of corporation funds was in direct violation of the corporate charters granted. He made a great hit when he said that while the doctrine of bimetallism had been defeated at the polls, it had made many Republicans hope that bimetallism would be secured before the next Presidential election. Some friends of the cause feared the Republicans would manage to steal the bimetallic thunder, but if they had a desire to steal it, he was ready to place his thunder upon the front porch, where it would be within easy reach of the thieves. He spoke for nearly an hour, and at the close the audience rose and gave him three hearty cheers.

The conference adjourned until this afternoon.

Both houses of the Legislature adjourned during Mr. Bryan's speech, and most of the members heard it.

NORFOLK POSTOFFICE.

Postmaster W. W. Degge Short in His Accounts to the Amount of $5,840.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 6.—During the past week Postoffice Inspector Clumm has been engaged in examining the books of the Norfolk postoffice. The city was greatly excited this afternoon by the announcement that he had discovered that W. W. Degge, the postmaster, was short in his accounts to the extent of $5 840, and that Mr. H. H. Trice, one of his bondsmen, had been made temporary postmaster, with ex-Postmaster James W Long assistant, the latter succeeding Gen. E. M. Henry. Gen. Henry's accounts are all right but the bondsmen blame him for not making public Mr. Degge's defalcation. The sureties made good the shortage and Mr. Degge gave them a mortgage on his property to secure them. The inspector says that only the postmaster is involved. He says that he has never discovered in six years' experience a larger shortage and that Degge took every cent possible. Degge's bondsmen agree not to prosecute him and they say they do not desire the Government to do so. One of the sureties said that he hoped Degge would be retained as postmaster.

Degge says he cannot explain the shortage except on the ground of negligence. He is a very temperate man and never gambles. He lives modestly and it is a mystery to his friends what he has done with the money. He has a young wife and two little children. He is 33 years of age. He was appointed by Mr. Cleveland in April, 1894. Both Trice and Long, who now occupy the positions of postmaster and assistant, temporarily, are Republicans in politics.

CONVENT BURNED.

The Mother Superior and Seven of the Nuns Supposed to Have Perished in the Flames.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROBERVAL, LAKE ST. JOHN, QUEBEC, Jan. 6.—The convent at this place was destroyed by fire last night. Mother Depositaire and several of the nuns are missing and probably perished in the flames. The family names of the victims are Misses Eliza and Rose Gosselin, of St. Jean Chrysostome; Emma Lesourneau, of Quebec; C. Garneau, of St. Foye; Laure Hudon, of Hebertville; C. Boullie, of Deschambault; Louise Girard, of Roberval. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the upsetting of a lamp.

A later account says the fire broke out in the chapel of the convent, caused by a lighted candle near the cradle of the infant Jesus setting fire to the draperies and floral ornamentation and in an instant the whole was a mass of flames. The alarm was given by a sacristy nun but the fire spread with such rapidity that nothing could be done to save the building. Seven nuns were smothered in the smoke. Another nun was badly burned in trying to extinguish the fire. The convent and school are a mass of ruins. The total loss is $75,000, with about $19,000 insurance. The school was closed on account of the holidays and most of the pupils had gone home.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

Tug Job T. Wilson, of the Virginia Dredging Company—The Engineer and a Boy Drowned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—Two lives were lost as the result of a collision in the Chesapeake Bay, near Fort Carroll, this morning. The Merchants' and Miners' steamer Howard, from Boston and Norfolk, crushed into the tug Job T. Wilson of the Virginia Dredging Company, and sunk her. The engineer, Jas. Chilrus 54 years old, and Chas. C Chappell, aged 17, son of the captain of the tug, were drowned. The captain and the other four members of the crew clung to the mud scows which were in tow of the tug until rescued. Chilrus leaves a widow and four children in Norfolk. Chappell's home was in Richmond.

MILITIA ORDERED OUT

To Protect a Negro Threatened with Lynching at Woodville, Tex.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HOUSTON, TEX., Jan. 6.—The Emmett Rifles, under Adjutant General Mabrey, left here this morning for Woodville to protect George Harrison, a negro, who is to be tried there for the assassination of a white man. This action was taken on account of a telegram received from Woodville yesterday, in which it was stated that a determined effort would be made to lynch Harrison.

THE WAY TO CURE catarrh is to purify the blood, and the surest, safest, best way to purify the blood is by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier.

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BANKS IN THE SOUTH.

The U. S. Comptroller Reports Improvement in the Cash Reserves and Their Ability to Meet Every Demands by Depositors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—The *Manufacturer's Record* has received from the U. S. Comptroller a statement as to the general situation of the banking interest South.

The Comptroller says: The strength of the banking conditions of the South cannot better be evidenced than by the fact that during the year 1896, which embraced the most trying portions of 1895 and 1896, there occurred but six national bank failures, while since November 1st the failures have numbered but two. Of these two the bank at Roanoke, Va., has proven solvent and arranged to pay its creditors without the intervention of a receiver and go into voluntary liquidation. As against these two failures we have a condition of improvement in the cash reserves of the banks in the South as shown by the bank call of December 17 over that of October 6, which proves how much money must have been brought out of hiding since election day.

The two States thus far reporting—Mississippi and Arkansas—show an increase from 29.43 per cent. to 33 61, and from 30.49 to 39 65 respectively. Of the reporting cities in the South, the returns from Louisville show an increase from 36.90 to 41.09; St. Louis from 25 95 to 31 84; Houston, 67.17 to 74 57; Baltimore, 30 89 to 35 31; New Orleans, 31 43 to 33 74, and Savannah from 28 90 to 39 46. When it is remembered that the requirement of the law, based upon that which is deemed the point of safety requires a reserve of but 15 per cent. in the States generally, and but 25 per cent. in reserve cities, it is readily seen how able the banks are to meet every demand to be made upon them by Southern depositors. It is a noteworthy fact that throughout the South prior to 1893 the number of large enterprises took much foreign and domestic capital, and not a few unhealthy booms were created, and yet, despite all this, the bank failures in that section have been comparatively few and the losses entailed upon shareholders and creditors comparatively slight. It is safe to say that if the panic of 1893, preceded as it was by three years of sudden and unusual investment of capital in the Southern States, did not produce more failures than then occurred, there will be now, with the banks thoroughly strengthened in cash means and rid of many undesirable assets, not a sufficient number to create any unusual comment.

TRAIN WRECKED

Near Tampa, Fla.—Caused by an Obstruction Placed on the Track—Engineer and Fireman Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., Jan. 6—A wreck occurred on the Plant system just outside the city limits, in which Engineer R. H. Finney was seriously hurt and Fireman R. L Gosst received severe injuries, both of Sanford and men of families. Some villain placed a cross-tie lengthwise on the track. The pilot passed over and it stuck under the engine, overturning and smashing it and the tender. Fireman Gosst jumped and sustained severe injuries about the head, and his teeth were knocked out and left hand hurt. Engineer Finney was caught underneath his engine and had to be dug out. His legs and feet were badly scalded, and he received severe internal injuries. The express and baggage cars were derailed, but no further damage was done.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Panic in Bombay—Over Three Hundred Thousand People Have Fled From the City.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BOMBAY, Jan. 6.—Dr. Monzer, senior physician of the principal hospital in Bombay, died yesterday from the bubonic plague, which is epidemic here. The authorities of the Indian Government at Calcutta have sent Dr. Cleghorn, the Director General of the Medical Service of the Government, to Bombay to investigate and report upon the increase of the plague in this city. Despite the panic which prevails here many victims of the plague refuse to accept medical treatment, regarding the disease a visitation from God. It is estimated that in the aggregate 335,000 persons have fled into the country from this city, carrying the contagion to places where it did not previously exist, or where there were only a few cases of the disease.

EX-PREMIER GLADSTONE

Unveiled a Memorial Window to the Armenian Martyrs in Hawarden Church.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Gladstone unveiled the memorial window of the Armenian martyrs in the Hawarden Church this forenoon. Before the ceremony of unveiling the window Mr. Gladstone delivered a speech to an Armenian deputation, in which the ex-Premier said that, although the agitation in behalf of the Armenians had failed to arouse the six great Powers, he had an unquenchable hope that the triumphant career of wickedness of the greatest assassin in the world (meaning the Sultan) would be short-lived.

U. S. WARSHIPS

Ordered to Florida to Prevent Filibustering.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., January 6—The United States dispatch boat Dolphin arrived at St. John's bar this morning at 10 o'clock and came up the river to Jacksonville. The Dolphin is the first of a number of vessels detailed to watch filibustering to arrive.

The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius is en route to the coast of Florida on the same mission as the Dolphin and will arrive in a few days.

The torpedo boats Ericsson and Cushing have also been ordered to Florida to prevent filibustering. These four boats will patrol the Florida coast from the mouth of the St John's to Tampa.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE.

Two Children of the Rev. M. L. Jones Burned to Death in the Residence of the Family.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 6.—A special to the *News and Courier* from Pickens, S. C., says: The most appalling calamity that has ever befallen any one in this county happened to Rev. M. L. Jones last night. His residence, five miles north of Pickens, with the entire contents, was destroyed by fire. His son Elbert and daughter Mary, both about grown, perished in the flames. Mr. Jones was absent. An inquest was held today. Verdict, accidental.

At Sistersville, W. Va., yesterday morning the boiler of the Fisher Oil Company exploded for some unknown cause and two men were killed outright and two were very seriously injured.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

KILLED HIS NEPHEW.

An Attempt at Lynching That Failed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 6.—A second attempt was made yesterday morning to lynch L. C. Combs, of Perry county, Ky. Several weeks ago the Ku Klux tried to do him bodily harm, but he escaped. Yesterday morning they came again, forty strong. He fired on them, killing one, who was left behind, and badly wounded another, who was carried off by his companions. The dead man proves to be Combs' nephew.

WARM WIRELETS.

Napoleon McCaniess has been appointed receiver of the Milledgeville Cotton Mills, in Montgomery county, N. C.

A call for the annual convention of the Order of Railway Telegraphers has been issued, to be held in Peoria, May 17.

The President has nominated for postmasters in North Carolina, Duncan McIntyre at Laurinburg and Mary Green, Warrenton.

The president and faculty of Storm Lake College, the Presbyterian school of Western Iowa, have resigned and the institution is financially stranded.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives gave hearing yesterday to persons interested in the wool industry. To-day manufacturers of wool will be heard.

Goochland, Va., county jail was burned yesterday at 6 a. m. The fire is supposed to have been the work of Frank Bowles, colored, confined in the jail and but recently released from the penitentiary.

A telegram from the City of Mexico announces the death there of Maj. Gen. Miguel Negrete, one of the most celebrated military men of Mexico. He served under Santa Anna and fought with distinction against Gen. Taylor.

L. F. Brown and Stephen Mazyck were killed at Atranto, about fifteen miles from Charleston, S. C., by John Poppenheim. All the parties are white. Brown and Mazyck had been out hunting with a party and were crossing Goose creek in a boat, when Poppenheim came up and fired.

The Omaha Savings Bank, which closed its doors last Saturday owing depositors $150,000, after paying out $600,000 in six months previously, has given an approved bond to pay dollar for dollar within four years and its officers are again in charge to wind up the affairs of the bank.

One hundred and sixty cars loaded with 5 450 000 pounds of salt left Silver Springs, N. Y., yesterday consigned to New England firms. The train was the Worcester salt special, bearing a consignment of orders to New England, which had been given contingent upon President McKinley's election.

Grant Bramble, who invented and patented the wonderful rotary engine, states that he has transferred the right to manufacture and sell the engines to Henry Francis Allen, representing the Allen syndicate of England, for $3,100,000. This represents the sale for only the United States, England and Europe having previously been sold for $4,000,000.

Don't Fret and Complain.

There are two things in a woman that the man of refinement admires equally as much as, if not a little more than, beauty, and those are a pleasant voice and a cheerful disposition. There is not a man in the world brave enough to cope with a woman who whines. He will put himself to any amount of trouble to avoid her. Fortunately, though, whining is going out of fashion. It is now considered, and rightly, more womanly to meet trials and troubles, both small and great, cheerfully.

If your trouble is a great one, however, you may risk telling it to your best man friend, be he lover or brother, feeling sure that he will do his best to aid you, but never venture meeting him with a bundle of imaginary woes. With such you may be sure he will never trouble you, and why should a woman feel it her privilege to ask more than she can return simply because she is a woman?—New York Advertiser.

Clean Every Day.

A young housekeeper said recently: "I never have a regular cleaning day. I expect my house to be kept clean and then there is no need of a weekly upsetting. I have no carpets, the floors are kept dusted and wiped, the rugs are beaten now and then and the whole house dusted thoroughly every day." This arrangement, which does away with the annoyance of the usual weekly ousting from one's comforts, savors a little of Utopia and though it may work very well in a household of two people it is to be feared that it would prove impracticable in a large family circle with half a dozen lively children to fetch in dust and stir things up generally.

The Sleek Hair.

There is nothing about the whole person that will betray a lack of personal attention so readily as the hair and nothing that will respond so quickly by an improved appearance to the care bestowed upon it. Hair that is carefully brushed nightly betrays the fact by a sheeny luster, a silken gloss and softness of texture that neglected tresses never have. So it is with the hands and complexion. The skin that is cleaned nightly by a warm bath, though no cosmetic is used, responds by a soft, satinlike texture, a well groomed look and keeps its young appearance long after the passing of the woman's first youth.—New York Commercial.

How She Manages.

A woman with a small family which is always supplied with delicious food manages in this way when buying beefsteak for two: Instead of a thin cut she buys a heavy steak with a tenderloin in it, the entire steak weighing from 3 to 3½ pounds. The tenderloin is broiled and used for one day's dinner. It is occasionally enriched by a mushroom or some other sauce. The ends that are tough, the bones and the rest of the trimmings are used for soup. The back of the steak is broiled, made into hamburg steaks or cooked in some other way.—New York Post.

Inside the Teakettle.

If every housekeeper who reads this paragraph should go straight to her kitchen, lift the kettle and carry it to the window, where a strong light will dislose its interior, nine out of ten of them will find a rusty layer of lime, iron and dregs that effectually prevents any good flavored water from issuing from it. The kettle needs the same frequent and thorough care that any kitchen utensil needs. Into such, having it already warm, put fresh filtered water, boil rapidly and use at once and one of the large aids to palatable food is secured.—Exchange.

The Children's "Nightcap."

An appetizing and healthy "good night" lunch for the children may be made of the scraps of nice clean bread. Put the bits, thick and thin, in a baking pan in the oven, where they will brown evenly and lightly clear through. When a light brown and crisp to the center, roll on a clean table or cloth with the rolling pin until it is a fine "grit." Bottle and keep dry. A tablespoonful or two in good rich milk makes a light, palatable and digestible supper for anybody.

Enamel your shabby wicker and wooden chairs, but do not expect good results without using from two to four coats of the enamel, letting each dry well before applying a second, and first washing the article in hot water and soda.

If a woman be herself pure and noble hearted, she will come, says Miss Frances Power Cobbe, into every circle as a person does into at heated room, who carries with him the freshness of the woods where he has been walking.

Selfish children are neither pleasant to see nor know. The most of us are selfish by nature, and, unless we are taught better, remain so all through life. Unselfishness is a lesson we cannot teach too early.—Womankind.

Art In the Hall.

In bedrooms fitted cupboards are useful for holding dresses. On landings they are invaluable for storing linen, etc., and in kitchens they are necessities for holding the countless things which require to be kept at hand—in fact, there are few places in a house where a cupboard is not a much required addition.

Many libraries are now furnished with fitted furniture, the mantelpiece, bookshelves, writing table and window seat are so arranged that a part of one piece often goes to form part of the next. The same with bedrooms; the bed, dressing table, washstand, wardrobe and fireplace are all fitments designed especially for the place they occupy.

Such arrangements make exceedingly tasteful and elegant rooms, economizing space and suiting the furniture to its position in a way that could hardly be done with separate pieces.

A Dainty Scissors Case.

Cut two pieces of cardboard into the vandyke shape illustration in the sketch. Cover each with silk, satin or fancy brocade, line with soft silk, flannel or nun's veiling and sew the sides firmly together. Now make the "flap" by cutting a piece of cardboard to the required size and covering in the same manner. Sew this along the top to the back part of the case, and then edge the cardboard all the way round with a tiny silk or tinsel gimp. Finish with bows of bright colored satin ribbon. Set one at the extreme point and the other at the edge of the "flap" to form a fastening. Leather, wide pieces of ribbon or galloon and, indeed, any pretty material may be used for fashioning these cases, while a favorite and best pair of scissors may be thus protected and made to last much longer than when no case is employed.—Kansas City Times.

Beauty of Dress.

The beauty of dress depends much upon the harmony of colors. This is effected by a combination of the three primaries, either pure or in combination with each other. Colors are modified in tone by the proximity of other different colors. By ordinary gaslight blue becomes darker, red brighter and yellow lighter. By this artificial light a pure yellow appears lighter than white itself when viewed in contrast with certain other colors. In this way highly polished brass is often mistaken for silver. At twilight blue appears much lighter than it is, red much darker and yellow slightly darker.—New York World.

Broom Covers.

A broom cover of cotton flannel in any dark color is a veritable boon to a tired housekeeper. Fit the cover closely over the broom in bag fashion, tying it closely with a string run in the upper hem. The best colors for these covers are dark gray, red or any other color that does not crock after sweeping off the kitchen floor or any painted or hard wood floor. Go over it with a covered broom, and every particle of dust can be easily taken up and the floor polished almost as bright as if it had been rubbed with a cloth by hand. A covered broom is valuable for sweeping piazzas as well as for sweeping down walls.

Olive Oil.

For persistent dandruff olive oil will be found excellent.

Rub the scalp well with the oil, letting it remain on several hours; then, with very hot water and a good, mild soap, shampoo the hair and rinse it. Enough oil will remain to leave the hair moist and glossy.

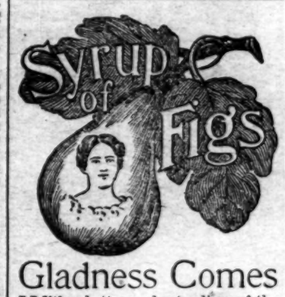
Olive oil, being a vegetable, is most wholesome and grateful to the human cuticle, which absorbs it readily and in surprising quantities.

Very Defective.

Bighead—Our language is very defective in many ways.

Blevins—For instance?

Bighead—When a man and woman are married, they are made one, yet we speak of them as a married couple.—Truth.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives the most general satisfaction.

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